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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): Yasuki TAMURA
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For: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of thirty-eight (38) pages
- ☒ Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2002-352951 filed in Japan on December 4, 2002.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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